

Why Church Officers?
Exodus 3:16-17; Titus 1:4-5
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I. Introduction

II. Ordaining officers

III. In ancient Israel (Ex. 3:16-17)

- A. The time of Moses (circa 1446-1260 BC)
- B. God will transform the situation (3:17)
- C. What's Moses' part (3:16)
- D. Elders
 - 1. Discern what God is doing
 - 2. Lead the people to
 - a. Organize
 - b. Become part of God's actions

IV. In Crete (Titus 1:4-5)

- A. Letter of Paul to Titus (1:4-5)
- B. "Put in order what remains to be done" (1:5)
- C. What's Titus' part? (1:5)
- D. Elders
 - 1. Discern what God is doing
 - 2. Lead the people to
 - a. Organize
 - b. Become part of God's action

V. What about us?

- A. God's at work
- B. What's our part?
- C. Elders and Deacons
 - 1. Discern what God is doing
 - 2. Lead the people to
 - a. Organize
 - b. Become part of God's actions
- D. How can they do this?

VI. Conclusion: Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

"O Virtus Sapientiae (O Wisdom's Energy)"